

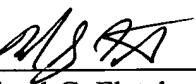
**REMARKS**

At the time the Official Action was mailed, claims 1 and 28-48 were pending in the present application. In the Official Action, the Examiner allowed claims 28-48 and rejected claim 1. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 28-48. Applicants have placed the application in condition for allowance by canceling rejected claim 1. Based on the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, and in view of the present amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the remaining claims 28-48 are currently in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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